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State Makes \$2.3 Million in Federal Funds Available For Career Development

Indianapolis, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Workforce Development announced plans today to make more than \$2.3 million in federal dollars available to support the development of the next generation of Hoosier workers.

Using Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act funds, the Department of Workforce Development (DWD) has issued a Request for Proposal to high school and post-secondary education consortiums. Awarded to the state through the U.S. Dept. of Education (DOE), proposals must be targeted towards improving student's academic achievement and skill levels. Funding may be used to create career-based development programs and curriculum.

Individual grants may range from \$30,000 to \$100,000 over a one-year period and can be used for professional and curriculum development, transcript analysis, data collection and evaluation, technical support and equipment. Staff from DWD, DOE and the Commission for Higher Education will review all proposals. Reviewers will rate each proposal and award funding accordingly.

Current Career Majors/Tech Prep grantees are not eligible to apply for this round of grants unless the consortium is applying for a high school that is not currently being funded. Request for Proposals are due on March 19, 2004 and awards will be announced in April. An electronic version of the application is available at: www.in.gov/dwd/education/stw/index.html.

Through its various programs and initiatives, the Indiana Department of Workforce Development is charged with continually improving the Hoosier workforce by assisting companies create new jobs and improve employee skills. The agency offers a variety of training and educational grants, works with the state's 27 WorkOne Centers, administers the unemployment insurance system, provides labor market information, assists employers with preparing workers for layoffs and closures and operates the a statewide job placement service.

For more information on this or other Workforce Development programs, contact Terri Schulz at 317/ 233-5663 or visit the web site at www.workforce.IN.gov.

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